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THE BLOODY SHIRT.

All indications point to the conclusion that the Republicans have determined on a vigorous warring of the bloody shirt as the chief means of carrying the next Presidential election. Questions that effect the material interests of the country are to be thrust into the background, while the apostles of the party take the idea of proclaim from the stump the barbarity and complete unregeneracy of the Southern white, and the martyrdom of that pet of the nation, the Southern negro.

The leading Republican newspapers have been harping on this key for some time past, and have stopped at no depth of meanness and mendacity to give effect to their statements and keep alive the hatred of the South. They keep reporters in the South, not to gather legitimate news, but to give political significance to every gross road fight, and to magnify petty instances into indications of disloyalty and rebellion. A good example of this kind of exaggeration, and one of many that might be related to show how simple facts are distorted in order to slander the South and "fire the Northern heart," is the following:

The State Capitol building at Columbia, South Carolina, is generally adorned with two flags—the stars and stripes and the palmetto flag of the State. It has always been so, before the war and away back into the early days of the republic. Recently the Federal flag was blown down by a wind storm and was not immediately replaced. The enterprising emissary of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette seized on this trivial incident to telegraph his paper that freedom, the very emblem had been hauled down from the minaret of South Carolina's Capitol, and that the palmetto flag alone waved over that building. The paper, of course, immediately took a fit of the horrors over the news and all of its Republican contemporaries caught the infection. This is a sample of some of its editorial remarks on the subject:

The dirty blue flag with a white palmetto tree, and a snake, resembling the old wood coat of the Devil in Paradise, that does duty for the South Carolina standard (and, we say, for all in chivalrous country, go say) should be on exhibition some where in Washington. If it cannot be displayed from any corner of the House of Representatives, it might, along with a pair of butter-nut branches, be arrayed on a hickory pole and poked out of the window of the south wing of the Capitol, as a sort of signal to Arlington.

As an illustration of the over-readiness of Republican papers to misrepresent the South and to distort facts into some slanders of the Southern people, the following from the same paper quoted above is an average specimen. This dispatch was sent as a special to the Commercial Gazette of the 28th of December, giving an account of the affair at Yazoo City, Miss.:

YAZOO CITY, MISS., Dec. 26.—One of the most cold-blooded assassinations that ever occurred in any corner of the South, took place on Monday night about 10 o'clock by which three men, in the prime and vigor of young manhood, were slain, and two others, and two others seriously, one of them probably mortally wounded, by negroes.

From this piece of news, the only information the paper could have had on the subject of that date, the following editorial comment was drawn:

It appears that the whites who planned an attack on some negroes in Yazoo City were not expecting the warm reception which they received. The negroes are severely censured for having defended themselves so well.

It is easy to understand why Republican papers and politicians begin to grind out slanders of the South on the eve of every presidential election. The object, of course, is to keep the party in power and its leaders in office, but why the people of the North, the citizens of a section of such boasted intelligence, should be influenced by such malicious utterances and transparent falsehoods is really a mystery. That they have been so influenced in the past can be ascribed only to the fact that the animosities growing out of the war were not yet healed, and were rekindled by such inflammatory literature. But while hate can exist forever in the breast of an individual, it is not natural that such a feeling could live survive with a whole people, especially when directed toward another people so intimately connected by blood and all kind of relationship as the people of the South are to those of the North. For this reason we believe that a bloody shirt campaign by the Republicans will weaken their cause and lead to Democratic success.

Courier-Journal: "Louisville wants the next National Convention of the Democratic party. At a citizens' meeting held at the Mayor's office it was decided to organize a committee of citizens to go to Washington and consult with the National Committee of the Democratic party."

There is only one possible objection to the Convention being held in Louisville, and that is it would look like premeditated cruelty to Brother Watson. The Convention is going to set very flat down on his cherished effort for revenue only doctrine and it would hurt Henry's feelings if such a thing was done under the very drippings of the sanctuary, as it were.

The Iron Steamship, City of Columbus, was wrecked near Gay Head, Mass., on the 18th. There were one hundred and twenty-six persons on board all of whom perished but seven. The vessel struck a ledge in the dark which left but little chance of escape for the unfortunate passengers.

We publish elsewhere a letter from Hon. A. J. Caldwell to a citizen of Nashville. The letter appeared in the American of Wednesday and we reproduce it from that paper. It is a very sensible document and expresses such views on the tariff issue as we can heartily approve. The CHRONICLE does not make the editorial assumption of voicing the whole people of the 6th Tennessee district, but we believe that Mr. Caldwell's tariff opinions prevail among his constituency, and receive the emphatic endorsement of the more thoughtful element. A considerable majority of the newspapers of the district that have expressed any views on the tariff are with him. The American and Banner, the Springfield Record and the Waverly Times-Journal and the Clarksville Times-Leader are all with him so far as we can judge from the tone of their utterances. We haven't observed any expressions on the tariff from either the Dyer Courier or the Ashland City Reporter. There are two papers in the district, and only two that we know of, that are diametrically opposed to Mr. Caldwell. Their position in this regard is so well known that it is unnecessary to mention their names.

The Courier favored Carlyle for Speaker, but we can't question Mr. Caldwell's Democracy because he voted for Randall in the Democratic caucus. Had he voted the decision of the caucus and voted against the party's nominee in the regular election, it would then be time to question his political orthodoxy. He was, of course, in no way bound to submit to the dictates of the party and could have exercised his own sweet will. We may be permitted to use that "classic phrase" in voting for or against Carlyle in the House if he had chosen to do so. The fact that he voted for Carlyle in the election in the House, against his own expressed judgment, and simply because that gentleman was the Democratic nominee, proves him to be the strictest of Democrats.

Mr. Caldwell seems to be looking after the local interests of the district and is making no distinction between the State and National Congress. So long as he continues to do his whole duty in that way we don't suppose any large portion of his constituency will fall out with him for having voted for Randall in the Democratic caucus.

A MAN in Cheatham county has been the New Testament through seventy-five times. That is a very pious record for a man to make, but it strikes us as being a little too much. He has read it so often that he has become a little more than a little bit of a hypocrite. He has become a little more than a little bit of a hypocrite. He has become a little more than a little bit of a hypocrite.

Among the lower classes, descendants of the aboriginal Aztecs, it does not appear that there can have been much progress. They seem to be contented and happy, and yet to be a little bit of a hypocrite. They seem to be contented and happy, and yet to be a little bit of a hypocrite. They seem to be contented and happy, and yet to be a little bit of a hypocrite.

CONGRESSMAN TAYLOR, who represents the 8th Tennessee District, has introduced a bill into the House to authorize producers of tobacco to sell the same to any purchaser without license, also to repeal the tax on tobacco.

This is a bill after our own heart and we hereby tender Congressman Taylor the thanks of the tobacco growers of this section. We sincerely hope it will become a law.

We call the attention of our farmer readers to an article on the tariff from the Nashville American, published on the first page of this paper, and ask that they give it a careful and dispassionate perusal. We don't urge it to them to endorse or reject the views it presents, but to give it the fair and candid consideration which an impartial judge must give to an argument on a question which it is his duty to decide.

NEWSPAPERS should always study to be consistent. Before a free trade organ declares that the abolition of the tariff would enable Tennessee iron makers to do out those of Pennsylvania, it should stop to reflect if it hasn't accused some person who favors protection of having his views influenced by his interest in Tennessee iron.

The Criminal Quack.

It is the prevalent opinion in this community that Mr. W. D. Cannon, Sheriff of Shelby county, is a live man, a conscientious official, and a good citizen. It was through no fault or neglect of his that the "Drs." Reeves and Turner, who so mercilessly swindled Mr. Jackson, of this county, out of a horse, escaped from the clutches of the law at Memphis, but he seemed to deem it his duty to hunt up those miscreants and bring them to justice. When Sheriff Cannon has a conviction of duty, he evidently means business, and intends to discharge that duty whatever the cost or hazard. We pass that judgment on his character as an inference from the fact that he spotted and followed the criminal quacks until he had captured them, at Omaha, Nebraska. Attorney General Burney received a dispatch from him at Omaha, stating that he had captured Reeves, and another shortly afterwards, saying that he also had his hands on Turner.

The quacks will be brought to this place soon, for trial, and we very truly hope that they will get full justice. They belong to that class of men who ought to be hung on general principles, and we are glad that there is sufficient evidence against them here to give each of them a term in the penitentiary. We will never mistake the province of a newspaper for rashly pre-judging any one, but the evidence in the case of Reeves and Turner is plain and the community feels that it suffered an outrage in their conduct here.

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This lowest temperature at Columbus, Ohio, Monday was 34° below zero; here it was about that much above; the difference would suggest to the Buckeye denizens that the direction in which to emigrate is South.

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